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nobody about here feels confident about even so much as his real name. It is probably A. T. Merritt (A. T. M. are the initials tattooed on his arm), and it is believed that he was born in New York State. It is quite certain, however, if anything can be told by pronunciation, that he has lived the way of his life among them."

MARRIAGES.

He is an engineer by profession—and smart one, too, it is said. It is alleged that he—General Norton—served as an expert in the Ashtabula-bridge-disaster suits, and that his testimony there has passed into the domain of authority in similar trials. In New Haven he delivered one or two lectures of high moral tone, displaying considerable literary acquirements.

When Mr. Jenkins yesterday took his personal description to enter upon the record of the court Marvin stated in answer to a question that he was born in June, 1829. By that he is only fifty-one years of age. He looks older than that now, but when he came here to be married, and was dressed as fine as a fiddler, it is said by all who saw him that he did not appear to be over fifty years of age.

As to how many times he has been married nobody has yet found out, but probably not less than a dozen; maybe more. A gentleman writing here from a distant state and about a marriage never yet referred to in our papers, says: "I have now under my roof with me an eight-year-old daughter of his." He has another daughter with Jennie Morton.

Judge Shipman, of New York, some time ago told a Richmond gentleman that in all his reading and in all his experience he had never heard of such an atrocious rascal. Few men that have ever lived have caused so much misery.

Miss Turpin was expected to reach the city last night. Having been telegraphed that her presence as a witness would probably be required, she heroically determined to come.

Judge Christian in sentencing Marvin on the bigamy conviction said that this term of imprisonment would begin at the expiration of the term for forsworn.

If Marvin could have escaped from the clutches of the Virginia authorities he would have been arrested and carried to Joplin, Mo., to answer the forgery indictment against him there. It was in the Joplin matter that Judge Birdsall was persuaded to believe that Marvin was an innocent victim of the counterfeiters.

cent man. The Judge gave an indemnity bond for one who went security for Marvin's appearance in Missouri—which bond was forfeited. The Judge was an unflinching friend to Morton until he thoroughly found out what a rascal he is.

There were three indictments found against Marvin here. One was for bigamy. Another for forgery. The third for larceny. If it had been found that he could

▲ CARD FROM JUDGE OULD.

I have heard from several friends that there was a rumor in the city that I had advised the members of Miss Turpin's

Marvin; that I introduced him to the bank officers, and that I had drawn up a marriage settlement. All these statements are utterly untrue. The first time I ever saw Marvin was in the Police Court some two or three weeks ago. I left the city of Richmond for the White Sulphur three weeks before the marriage, and knew nothing of it until the very day appointed for it. It

unnecessary for me to say what I would have done had I been in Richmond. We are all apt to be wise after the fact, but I would not like to trust myself to say now what would have been my advice under the peculiar circumstances in which my niece Miss Turpin, was situated.

ROBERT OULD.

HOW MARVIN TRIED TO MAKE A WITNESS AND

Here is a letter written by Marvin and sent out of the jail, probably by some discharged prisoner, which shows how he once hoped to establish an *alibi* and how he failed:

SERGEANT'S OFFICE,
RICHMOND, VA., September 22, 1881.

My Dear Sir,—Yours of the 4th instant was received some time ago. I have not replied for the reason I have not been permitted to write to any one. In your letter you say you will be glad to do anything in your power for me. I am charged with being here on the 20th of July last. That is a mistake. I was in New York on the

date, and took dinner in the Café of the Grand Union. I paid R. L. Monger, Esq. in the Putnam House, \$50 that day, and took his receipt for the same. You spoke to me when I came out of the Café. I was at Mr. Allen's, on Broadway near Thirtieth street, the same day. Now, my dear friend, I want you to write just as soon as you get

this, and say in your letter: "I know from circumstances which occurred on the 20th of July that you were here, and I converse with you about them on that day in the hall leading to the hotel office. It will be impossible for me to visit Richmond on Saturday next, or for a week or ten days." If you can write as above the underscored part send it to me. I can get a little time

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and made it to me, I can get a little time to
prepare for trial, and if I can do so I can
defeat the case. Of course I do not expect
you will come here and testify unless you
are positive and I pay all your expenses.
I want to get a little delay for that purpose.
I ask you to write as above stated because
I look upon you as a friend—not only to
me, but to Mrs. Morton and Florence.

You will see how much confidence I place in you in writing as I do to you. I hope the time may never come that you may require such a service, but should it come, I would stick to you. I know you will not refuse me this favor. When you read this burn it up. But I beg you will write the letter. You will not be called upon.

Hoping and trusting you will do this for me, I am, yours very truly,
B. A. MORTON.

P. S.—Write hamedhacy, and don't answer any other letter. My enemies will write to you or call to persuade you from rendering me any assistance. B. A. M.

REPLY OF MR. LOGAN.
N. Y., Sept. 27.
B. A. Morton, Esq.:
Yours to hand. You ask me to write
lie, and to follow it up by taking a false
oath. That I would not do for my father
if you are innocent, they can't convict; and
if guilty, they can't. I think it my duty

help all my fellow-men when the truth will do, but a lie I will not tell. I explain all in my former letter. JAMES LOGAN.

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